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There was more real democracy in President Wilson's sack coat at a reception than in any measure this Congress shall pass.—Editorial, Saturday Evening Post.

## AUGURY OF SPLENDID SUCCESS

What the Merchants' Association thinks of the plan for one great commercial body in this city was shown yesterday afternoon. By a vote of 29 to 3, the merchants went on record in favor of amalgamation with the Chamber of Commerce.

Ninety per cent of the merchants who attended yesterday's meeting have spoken in favor of the merger plan. The postal-card referendum, which will be closed on December 31, will undoubtedly show almost or quite as large a proportion of the entire membership squarely behind the plan of a greater chamber for the greater chamber will be one factor in a Greater Honolulu and the businessmen of this city realize it.

The strength of the vote in favor of the merger is peculiarly gratifying to the Star-Bulletin. After the decisive vote of the Chamber of Commerce, there was a good deal of discussion as to the attitude of the Merchants' Association. This paper was informed by several members that the project was not likely to carry in the Association, or, in any event, would carry by so small a majority as to indicate a serious difference of opinion as to its merits.

The Star-Bulletin is the only paper that has fought for the merger of the two bodies, and it is gratifying indeed to know that the arguments presented almost daily in the news and editorial columns of this paper have been valid arguments and recognized as such by the overwhelming vote of yesterday.

The action of the Merchants' Association is a distinct encouragement in the territory-wide "get-together" movement.

It is augury of splendid success for the greater body, whatever the name and structure of that body shall be. It is proof that the business leaders of this community are convinced of the wisdom of united action, and convinced that unity of action rests on unity of organization.

There is still one thing for the members of the Merchants' Association to do this month: Get out a big vote on the postal-card referendum. Make that vote as decisive as was the vote of yesterday's meeting!

And then—on to the greater chamber and its work in the New Year!

## STARVING HUERTA OUT

President Wilson is beginning to get action on his Mexican policy.

He blocked the channels of finance for Dictator Huerta, told Huerta to step out, and then sat calmly back and watched the general try to beat the game.

The president reasoned that an unpaid army—in Mexico—won't fight. He knew that many of the men who shouted for and fought for Huerta were hired mercenaries. He knew that with them it was "no pay, no fight." And even ordinary government needs take money. So the president began his blockade of the financial channels.

Dispatches yesterday and today show that the soldiers are deserting the Huerta standard by the thousand. They and many of their leaders know that so long as the United States declines to recognize Huerta, the dictator can borrow no money from foreign Powers. Wilson is starving Huerta out, and hunger is beginning to count.

If the president can secure his end without intervention, it will be a triumph of personality. Only the assurances of Wilson and Bryan that under no circumstances would the United States take any additional territory because of the Mexican imbroglio were responsible for the assurances in return that the Powers would support Uncle Sam's policy. It is reliably stated that the chief Powers which have large financial interests in Mexico have informed their bankers that it is against policy to lend money to the Huerta government.

Thus it is likely that Huerta will not be able to raise a loan in Paris. The French government is said to have made its own position plain to the large Paris bankers.

The London Times recently printed what is stated to be the outline of the Wilson program. It will be seen that this program looks even farther ahead than the immediate situation. It is thus given:

1.—The United States will insist on the elimination of Huerta and all those closely associated with

him from the control of public affairs, and to secure this end will spare no effort and invade Mexico if necessary.

2.—Every endeavor will be made to effect the elimination of Huerta's administration by financial pressure or, in other words, no steps will be taken to help his administration to avoid what seems to be inevitable bankruptcy. It will be made clear to foreign investors that obligations incurred by the present regime will not be recognized and must become worthless.

3.—If financial pressure proves insufficient to accomplish the end desired, the United States will resort to a blockade of Mexican ports, thus destroying customs revenues and preventing the importation of munitions of war. In the meantime the possibility that the American navy shall collect the Mexican customs is being seriously considered.

4.—When the elimination of Huerta is obtained, efforts will be directed to inducing someone acceptable to both factions to assume the provisional presidency under the protection of the United States.

5.—President Wilson requires that a general election shall be held and a new congress and president elected.

6.—It is made clear to all foreign nations that nothing will induce the United States to acquire territory as the result of intervention.

From present prospects there will be no need for a blockade of Mexican ports. The blockade of Mexican loans will be sufficient—a triumph, as many papers already forecast, for "dollarless diplomacy."

## THE NEWSPAPERS AND THE KELLETT CASE

The findings in the case of John R. Kellett, whose appeal from his discharge by Sheriff Jarrett has been heard at length before the civil service commission, will be made public tonight.

For reasons of propriety, the Star-Bulletin has preferred not to comment since the close of the hearing on the evidence before the commission upon the evidence offered in the Kellett case. After the findings are in, this paper will make some comment on the hearing and the facts brought out, for the charges involved matters of serious import to the police administration.

The attitude of this paper throughout both the McDuffie and Kellett cases has been an endeavor to be fair to both prosecution and defense, to be independent and impartial in presenting the news to the public and in treating the issues editorially. That this attitude found general appreciation has been emphasized again and again. The chairman of the commission in a signed statement declared that the Star-Bulletin accounts had been fair, accurate and thorough, and since the close of the hearing both attorneys have thanked this paper for its fair handling of the case.

Deputy Attorney-general Arthur G. Smith, after the hearing, volunteered the following statement:

"I appreciate the fairness with which the Star-Bulletin has treated, in its news columns and editorially, the investigation and the hearing of the charges against John R. Kellett."

What the Star-Bulletin has to say after the findings are made public will be said in the same spirit as its handling of the case during the trial. This paper is not influenced by any alliance with the police department and can speak the truth without fear or favor.

Comptroller Peendergast of New York has fled the Bull Moose fold. Probably he got lonesome when the party went to South America for the winter.

If grass skirts are classed in Australia as wearing apparel, maybe leis would come under the same head as aligrettes!

Possibly the British government can get even with Mrs. Pankhurst by letting her out of jail with a fine of that \$20,000.

Many a politician who makes a rush for the pork barrel comes out with a chunk of humble pie.

General Huerta is beginning to realize the difference between reigning alone and floating a loan.

A good many local Democrats are counting their jobs before they've hatched.

About the most prominent figure in the Mexican situation just now is \$.

There's not much dollar diplomacy south of the Rio Grande now.

Now the commercial bodies can move on to new business.

Aha! Pinkham meets Mott-Smith on the 14th.

## MAKE GREATER CHAMBER TRULY GREAT—FRAZIER

Urging that the strength and popularity of the Greater Chamber of Commerce will depend upon its membership at large, and that the chamber must be run by the membership and not solely by committees, Charles R. Frazier said this morning that he believes the tentative draft of the by-laws should be radically revised.

"I favor amalgamation of the Chamber of Commerce and the Honolulu Merchants' Association," he said, "but I am totally opposed to the method of government suggested in the proposed by-laws, and I am glad these by-laws are only tentative."

"I see no reason why any such body should be governed by a board of directors as a circle inside the big circle and an executive committee as an inner circle inside the two others."

"If the proposed Greater Chamber of Commerce is to be a truly civic and representative body there is no reason I know of why its executive officers should not be elected by the general membership, and the various committees selected from those who are most capable and willing to do the work. If this method is followed it puts the government of the chamber squarely up to the members at large; every individual member would have a responsibility and every member should have some work to do."

"I believe that the actual head of such an organization as proposed, whether he be president or a paid secretary, should make it his principal business to give every member that would accept it some job, and by keeping the members busy would keep them interested and by keeping them interested there would never be any lack of a quorum."

"To reiterate: If the proposed Greater Chamber is to be truly representative it must be governed by the membership at large and if the amalgamation is effected I propose to work to bring about this result."

## Personal Mention

W. S. HENDERSON, city editor of the Times, Victoria, B. C., arrived in Honolulu in the Niagara and expects to spend the next month visiting through the islands.

LOUIS L. COLLINS, city editor of the Minneapolis Journal, is a local visitor, having arrived in the Manchester. Mr. Collins is completing a five-months' leave of absence and expects to return to the mainland in the Sierra, December 13.

MRS. A. R. KELLEY, wife of a director of the Hawaiian bank and president of the National Oil & Paint Company of San Francisco, is visiting in Honolulu accompanied by her daughter, Miss Margaret Kelly. They are registered at the Young hotel.

FRED F. LACKS of the Orenstein-Arthur Koppel Company of Koppel, Pa., who has spent some time in the islands recently, looking after the sale of Koppel railroad supplies, left on the Niagara for the colonies to inspect the company's Australian agencies. He expects to return to Honolulu in the early spring. Messrs. Hackfeld & Company, the general agents of the Koppel company, will look after their business as heretofore.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—STAR-BULLETIN REPORTER: I got two lead pencils out of the sugar barons, despite the Underwood tariff. One was "gun" and lost, and the other swiped.

In order to secure funds with which to replenish the coffers of the organization, the Kamehameha Athletic Association will give a benefit concert in Bishop Hall tomorrow evening beginning at 8 o'clock. E. G. Bartlett who is in charge of the affair, has arranged an attractive program. Hawaiian songs, both old and new, will be the feature of the evening, and there will also be instrumental selections, singing by quartets and quintets from both the boys' and girls' school, and chorus work. The purchasing of equipment for the football team which the school put in the field this season took considerable money, and the funds from the concert will be used to replace this.

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## TUBERCULOSIS PATIENTS GIVEN HELP BY ASSN.

That the majority of persons receiving aid from the Associated Charities during the past month were sufferers from tuberculosis, is the gist of a report issued by Manager Mrs. Alice C. Jordan yesterday afternoon, which shows that four cases of this kind were dealt with. Three of the patients were sent to the Leahi Home while the other, who is living in Kaimuki, was furnished with food and sick-room necessities.

The first application was made by a Korean family, the father of which was suffering with the disease and unable to work. The man was sent to the Leahi Home and his wife offered to go to work to support herself and child. The charities is paying the rent of their small home. The second was that of a man who asked the charities to aid his wife and child, as he was afflicted with tuberculosis and unable to work. He was living apart from his family, he said, and had already been to the Leahi Home on two different occasions. He is receiving some assistance from a benefit society and this is now being furthered by the charities. The third case was that of a Hawaiian boy, who applied for help and was sent to the home. The rest of the report shows that the receipts for the month amounted to \$193.30, and the disbursements to \$218.45. There were seven applications for employment and \$3 for assistance.

"I would like to call the public's attention to the fact that a man calling himself Frank Fellows is in no way in need of assistance," said Mrs. Jordan this morning. "He is the man, I understand, who was recently injured in the railroad yards to the extent that he lost both his legs. I have had people come to me on several occasions and tell me that he is in need of help, but I have every reason to believe that he is not."

## EMPLOYMENT WORK OF Y. M. C. A. IS INCREASING NOW

The employment committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, composed of R. J. Pratt, chairman; E. O. White, J. M. Young, N. E. Gedge and Alexander Pratt, met at the association yesterday afternoon at which time a report covering the work accomplished during November was presented and discussed. The report showed the largest employment which the association has thus far handled. Interviews were held with 58 men, who were advised regarding securing positions, this number being an increase of four over October. There were 16 calls for men against four during the previous month, and of the men interviewed, several were furnished with temporary employment and 11 with a permanent positions.

The organization of a Filipino employment bureau in the Masonic building under the direction of Vincente Liongson, has helped to solve one of the difficult employment problems now facing this city. The committee discussed the matter employment for Hawaiians, and a conclusion was reached to the effect that they are best adapted to the building trades, government positions and stevedoring, and an effort will be made to discover openings for them along these lines.


"The securing of labor for unskilled men and boys is becoming increasingly difficult," said A. E. Larimer, head of the association's employment work, this morning. "A large number of such are coming to the association and to the Salvation Army for assistance and unless we can learn of more openings, the community employment problem will soon become a serious proposition which will require careful handling."

## DECISION IN KELLETT CASE DUE TONIGHT

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tunity to present his defense. When the commission asked that concluding arguments be made, some felt that they had heard enough of the case to reach a decision that the charges were not well founded or supported by convincing evidence, and therefore wished the case to come speedily to an end with the concluding arguments.

This may or may not have been in the minds of the commissioners, but it seemed to be the general opinion of those present at the hearing that it was. Later when they asked for expressions of opinion from Peters and Smith on the question of modification of the action of the sheriff, a large number of persons jumped at the conclusion that the commission would reinstate the detective with either a reprimand or a suspension.



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